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'Besmirched Robes' In Teamster Cases

WASHINGTON—(UP)—The Senate rackets committee charged Tuesday that Judge Raulston Schoolfield of Chattanooga, Tenn., "besmirched his robes of office" with his handling of two cases involving Teamsters Union officials.

The committee also charged in an interim report on its investigations that "law enforcement agencies at every level in Tennessee have been shockingly derelict" in halting acts of violence involving the Teamsters.

THE REPORT said top Teamster officials in the state "actively and enthusiastically" took part in the violence and enjoyed "scandalous immunity from prosecution."

It said there was "an underlying and widespread fear of tangling with Teamster Union power."

The committee, which held hearings on Teamster activity in Tennessee last year, devoted a special section of its report to what it called "organized violence in Tennessee and adjacent states."

THE JUDGE denied similar charges when they first were raised during the Senate committee's investigation.

(In Chattanooga, Schoolfield had no immediate comment upon the committee's report.

(The State of Tennessee has an investigation of Schoolfield's activities under way and investigators hope to report to Gov. Frank Clement April 10. The investigation was organized after testimony before